

Memorandum of Understanding
Between [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED]

July 1, 2011

Description of Agency A

Description of Agency B

With the 2011 implementation of the Low Income Health Plan ("LIHP") under the California 1115 Medicaid Waiver, the Department of Mental Health ("DMH") and the Department of Health Services ("DHS") moved closer to true integrated primary care-behavioral health services.

Effective July 1, 2011, mental health services became a mandated component of the LIHP, available to all individuals enrolled in *Healthy Way LA* ["HWLA"] who meet mental health medical necessity criteria. Los Angeles county residents between age 19-64 years old, childless or non-custodial parents, whose income is at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level and has valid government-issued identification and proof of residence are eligible for enrollment into HWLA.

As service providers under these two public benefit systems ([REDACTED] under the Department of Health Services and [REDACTED] under the Department of Mental Health), [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] agree to collaborate and cooperate in providing integrated primary care and mental health services to eligible, enrolled HWLA clients in DMH Service Area [REDACTED]. By virtue of this MOU, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] agree that:

- Each organization has its own separate funding stream(s) for payment of services, will bill those funder(s) for services rendered to clients, and retain payments from the funder(s);
- Each organization will provide and accept referrals according to DHS and DMH procedures and processes outlined in:
 - a) The *Healthy Way LA Toolkit*, subject to revision from time to time, and
 - b) Any subsequent policy and procedure documents published by DHS, DMH and/or HWLA;
- Each organization will actively collaborate and cooperate to provide top-quality, integrated primary health and mental health care services to HWLA clients according to HWLA policies, procedures and guidelines, and the Roles and Responsibilities outlined below.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES of [REDACTED]:

- Provide initial screening for HWLA eligibility, assist clients with the completion of the HWLA application and submit applications to DHS.

- Provide brief mental health screening assessment in keeping with HWLA standards and procedures as an integrated part of the primary health care setting.
- Provide written referrals to DMH for patients who meet or appear to meet criteria for Tier I services.
- Provide office space at the [REDACTED] primary care clinic for [REDACTED] clinician to conduct therapy.
- Cooperate and communicate actively with all personnel directly involved in treatment regarding the patient's status and progress.
- Provide initial and on-going medication(s) or prescription(s) for medication as deemed clinically appropriate.
- Consult with [REDACTED]'s psychiatrist regarding treatment for difficult or complicated cases.
- Maintain all medical records as required by HIPAA, DHS and DMH.
- Provide community referrals for clients who do not meet HWLA eligibility criteria, or who meet HWLA eligibility criteria but do not meet criteria for Tier II mental health services.
- Participate fully and cooperate actively in utilization review, treatment authorization requests, due process requests and similar administrative processes as required.

DMH Note: Not a requirement

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES of [REDACTED]:

- Accept HWLA referrals from DMH, conduct DMH-required financial screening and enroll HWLA clients into DMH mental health services as appropriate.
- Provide an in-depth mental health assessment to assure the patient receives or is referred to the proper level of care.
- Provide a Care Manager to act as a treatment liaison (provide a "warm hand-off" between physician and therapist) and provide "high touch" follow-up to patients in mental health treatment.
- Provide short-term psychotherapy to referred HWLA clients in keeping with HWLA, DHS and DMH standards and requirements.
- Cooperate and communicate actively with all personnel directly involved in treatment regarding the patient's status and progress.
- Provide psychiatric consultation as needed for [REDACTED] primary care providers regarding treatment for difficult or complicated cases.
- Maintain all medical records as required by HIPAA, DHS and DMH.
- Participate fully and cooperate actively in utilization review, treatment authorization requests, due process requests and similar administrative processes as required.

By signing this MOU, we affirm our commitment to this partnership and to providing quality integrated physical and mental health services that meet the needs of individuals and families in our community.

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